

REMARKS

Supplemental to the response that was faxed on May 7, Applicants note that the publication date cited by Dr. Turau and attached to the office action, is October of 1999. The date of the provisional for this application is October 19, 1999. Accordingly the Examiner has NOT demonstrated that Turau is prior art.

The Examiner's other rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the foregoing. Nevertheless, Applicants reserve the right to respond to those rejections and arguments and to advance additional arguments at a later date.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is accordingly in condition for allowance. Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted by,

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